

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—Since how long it is working ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I cannot say from what period. But the section is working.

Cauvery Paper Mills.

Q.—44. Sri U. M. MADAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the labourers of Cauvery Paper Mills in Nanjangud have expressed dissatisfaction with their wages ;

(b) if so, the action taken by them or the Company in that behalf ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The labourers stayed away from work and the Management closed down the Mills. But, consequent upon the initiation of the Conciliation proceedings by the Department of Labour, an agreement between the parties was effected on 18th November 1953. The Labour Association agreed to postpone the question of *Satyagraha*, while the Management agreed to re-open the Mills with effect from 9th December 1953. Accordingly, the Management have since re-opened the Mills with effect from 9th December 1953 and have provided work to 65 workers out of the 144 thrown out. They have promised that the rest of the workers would be provided with work soon after power is given by the Electrical Department, as promised. The Labour Association has been appraised of the situation by the Management. This situation in the Mills is peaceful and normal at present.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—I have no supplementaries.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know whether the factory is working now ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes, that is my information.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Are the Government aware that the factory is

closed soon after it was re-opened on the date mentioned, i.e. on 9-12-53 ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know whether the factory asked for permission of the Labour Department to re-absorb the other workers ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have given all the information that I had. The Management have since re-opened the Mills and have provided work to 65 workers out of 144.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Has there been any interim arrangement by the Labour Department with the Management about their maintenance ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—They have promised to take back all of them. There was nothing left with the Government to do at that time.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—At the time when the Labour Department also asked for the conciliation of the labour dispute, was there any promise or arrangement made by the Labour Department or the Management for giving them facilities till they are reabsorbed ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Is it not a fact that this particular factory is labouring under financial difficulties ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not know.

Violation of provisions of Ordinance 5 of 1953 by the Management of T. R. Mills.

Q.—82. Sri D. VENKATESH (Gandhinagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Management of the T. R. Mills have complied with the provisions of Ordinance 5 of 1953 in regard to:—

(i) the payment of compensation to laid off workers ;

(ii) the maintenance of muster roll of the laid off workers ;

(b) the action they propose to take with regard to violation of these provisions by the said Management ?